OXYTETRACYCLINE :		
(i)	750.00	19-10-1990
(ii)	765.00	25-9-1991
(iii)	827.00	21-1-1992
(iv)	1024.00	4-1-1993

(d) No, Sir.

Trade Commission under DPCO

3871. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have not specified maximum trade commission under DPCO, 1987 ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that producers are charging high prices for medicines as they have to pay high trade commission;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has conducted study on Trade Commission; if so, what is the variation in Trade Commission of the total expenditure during 1991-92; and

(d) whether it is a fact that Commission would work out to 50% of the ex-factory cost which is the highest paid by any industry and if so, what steps have been taken to restrict the commission ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b) In accordance with the provisions of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order 1987, maximum allowable post manufacturing expenses (MAPE) are specified for all price controlled formulations. No maximum rate for trade commissions is specified, as this forms a Part of MAPE.

(c) and (d) A Committee constituted by the Ministry under the Chairmanship of the Director General, National Council of Applied Economic Research had submitted it Report in March, 1990 regarding the trade margins in pharmaceutical industry. The data studied by the Committee, therefore, pertains to the period before this date.

Import of Antibiotic and Cardiovascular Drugs

3872. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the MINISTER OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the antibiotic and cardiovascular drugs that are still being imported;

(b) what was their quantity CIF value and landed cost of imports during each of the last three years, yearwise;

(c) whether it is a fact that their import is increasing year after year; if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether industrial approvals have been granted for the manufacture of any one of them and if so, the names of the companies, date of industrial approval of each and what is the progress of implementation in each case;

(e) what are the names of the finished medicines falling under the two therapeutic groups which are being imported and what was their quantity and CIF value of imports during the last three years, yearwise; and

(f) what are the drugs which are under price control and what is the price of leader formulation of each drug ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (f) A large number of drugs are imported for conversion to formulations for domestic use as well as for exports. Such drugs also include some antibiotics and cardiovascular drugs which are not manufactured in the country. The time and efforts involved in the collection of voluminous data relating to their names, quantities, cif values and landed costs of these antibiotics and cardiovascular drugs imported during the last three years as well as details of industrial approvals granted for their manufacture and the progress of the implementation of the industrial approvals and further the drugs under price control with details of the prices of leader formulations for each of these drugs is not likely to be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

Shifting of fertilizer units to Gulf Countries

3873. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some fertilizer units functioning in the country have decided to shift their units to Gulf Countries;

(b) if so, what are the names and details of these units;

(c) what will be the effect of this move on country's economy; and

(d) what are the steps being contemplated to offset the loss, if any, as a result of the move ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND

FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Compensation to Bhopal Gas Victims

3874. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of persons identified as real claimants for compensation due to gas leak disaster in Bhopal;

(b) what is the total amount of compensation payable to victims of this disaster;

(c) the amount already paid to these victims; and

(d) whether any time limit has recently been fixed to complete the final payment to these victims; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The number of real claimants can be specified only after the adjudication of all the claims. Out of about 6.12 lac claims filed, the number of claims settled as on 31-3-94 is 46783 and out of these, awards have been given in 41791 cases.

(b) Around Rs. 1600 crores are presently available for payment of compensation.

(c) The total amount of awards passed as on 31-3-94 is Rs. 155.90 crores.

(d) No time limit has been fixed.

Favours to M/s. Glaxo, M/s. Hoechst and other companies

3875. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Questions 3034 and 3038 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 17th March, 1994 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has been showing favours to M/s. Glaxo, M/s. Hoechst and certain other companies in the matter of pricing as well as keeping their drugs outside price control;

(b) what are the names of formulations of these companies which are outside price control and what was the sales turnover of each per annum during the last three years; and

(c) what are the names of producers of Ranitidine and what is the price being charged by each?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The prices of drugs are fixed/revised in accordance with the provisions of DPCO, 1987. The inclusion/exclusion of drugs for price control is not related to the companies manufacturing particular drugs.

(c) The price of bulk drug Ranitidine has been notified as Rs. 1835 per kg. on March 16, 1994 which is applicable for all the manufacturers of this bulk drug.

Reducing Prices of Major Drugs

3876. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that major drugs are costlier in India and are generally out of reach of the common man; and

(b) if so, what effective steps Government propose to take to make them available at cheap rates and also against inflatory tendencies on drugs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The objectives of the Drug Policy are to ensure abundant availability of essential life-saving and prophylactic medicines of good quality at reasonable prices. To ensure these objectives, the prices of selected medicines are regulated in accordance with the provisions of the DPCO, 1987.

Passing on the excise duty concessions of drugs and cosmetics to consumers

3877. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that drugs and cosmetics industries have failed to pass down the excise duty concessions granted in 1993-94 to the consumers; if so, to what extent; and

(b) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) No, Sir. In the case of formulations based on the scheduled bulk drugs under DPCO, 1987 the prices were revised taking into account the effective rate of excise duty for the year 1993-94. For the formulations based on bulk drug outside price control, to the extent information is available from the industry associations, the manufacturers, had passed on the benefit to the consumers in certain cases.